



Celebrating the Art of Making ...

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ARTIST WARRIORS POST APOCALYPTIC ADVENTURE

Artists imagine themselves surviving in the landscape of a post apocalyptic world.

JANUARY 6TH - 29TH, 2012

Show Runs
Jan. 6 - 29, 2012

Opening
Reception —
Friday, Jan. 6,
from 7-10 pm

You become an
art warrior
documenting this

inhospitable world with your art and fashions created to move through it. The causes of this apocalypse could be real or media-created—global warming, pandemic diseases, asteroid impact, world war over fuel, and nuclear holocaust—those fears are ingrained in our psyches.

Apocalyptic scenarios opened up a world of creative possibilities, as we watched robots becoming our masters in *The Terminator* or as genetic mutated monkeys took over earth as in *The Planet of the Apes*. Don't forget zombies! Perhaps your idea is more like *WALL-E* looking for the rebirth of plant life or even like giant mutant bunnies taking over. Why should Hollywood have all the fun? This show is all about letting your inner survivalist and your art warrior imagination go wild!

The show features both 2- and 3-dimensional art, and textiles such as clothing of the apocalyptic era. Apocalyptic fashion will be worn during the opening reception and will also be on display in the exhibition. Please contact a curator if you plan to submit an apocalyptic fashion for the show. Receiving will be on Monday, January 2 from 1- 4 pm and Tuesday, January 3 from 5 - 7 pm. — Curators Zade Ramsey (zade.ramsey@gmail.com), Drew Cariaso (atenart@cariaso.net), and Gordon Frank

The Art of Fashion: Haute Couture Then and Now Workshop, Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 - 8:30 pm

What makes fashion art? Why are some clothing items worthy of museums, while others are just clothes? What is haute couture, and who wears it? Join fashion guru Susan Boyd, owner of Wear It Well Wardrobe and Image Consulting (www.WearItWellConsulting.com), for an evening of fashion at its most exclusive. Following a screening of "High Style: Betsy Bloomingdale and the Haute Couture," Susan will talk about why some fashion is considered art, the difference between haute couture and ready-to-wear, how haute couture has changed, and shopping tips for high-fashion, high-quality clothes.

No supplies required. Refreshments will be served. Fees: \$15, DRA members; \$20, non-members. Register online at www.thedelrayartisans.org. Questions? Contact Susan at 703-973-4333 or email her at wearitwell@gmail.com. — Linda Hill, Programs



Welcome, New Member Who Joined in November!

Connie Hammond Saunders -
Mixed Media Collage

Did You Know ...

DRA members are welcome at any Board meeting. To address the Board or bring something up during their monthly meeting, contact the DRA Secretary at Secretary@TheDelRayArtisans.org in advance to be included on the agenda. The Board consists of volunteer Officers and Directors elected by the members at the Fall Annual Meeting by a majority or plurality vote of the attending members. The term of office is one-year from January 1 to December 31. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. Check the calendar at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for the current schedule.

This Newsletter Has Gone Green



DRA has "gone green" with this issue and will now send monthly notice to all members via e-mail when the newsletter has been published online. Please keep your email address up to date in our members only e-mail list to ensure uninterrupted service! (This is a separate service from our e-blast.) Members unable to access the Internet or visit the gallery monthly for a paper copy, and so still need to have it mailed to them, may call the gallery on Thursday or Friday afternoons at 703-838-4827 to request this.

— Kathryn Brown,
Membership Director,
Membership@TheDelRayArtisans.org

Collage Cut Ups

Bring Your Scraps, Come Have Fun!

1 - 4 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 10 & 24

Collage Cut Ups promote exchange of ideas, creativity and networking with beginner and experienced collage artists. — *Millie Maten*



Partners in Art Ends Successful First Year

During a lively year *Partners in Art* explored artistic development, individual approaches to creativity and various media. Through thoughtful discussions, presentations by visiting artists, exercises, work critiques and a field trip we inspired each other to continue working and submitting work to DRA and other shows. In 2012 *Partners in Art* will use lessons learned to engender mutual support and development. We will focus on supporting artistic development and discipline. In addition to day time meetings we will reach out to a wider community by hosting several *Art Coffee* evening sessions. — *Millie Maten*

Do Not Pass Go!

In February, DRA will have a monopoly on fun and games!

Go directly online or to December's newsletter for the Call for Entry for "Love, Politics, and Scrabble: The Games People Play" which opens on February 3. Receiving is January 29 and 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for this juried, all-media show open to all area artists.



An all media exhibit of artwork inspired by the various games people play throughout life

February 3–26, 2012

DEL RAY ARTISANS

Get out of Jail to come to "Art Games" February 10 to play Art Bingo or learn to play checkers with the famous Capital Pool Checkers Club February 25.

Roll the dice on February 17 and come create and trade ATC at the Artist Trading Card Swap. Questions? Contact curators Linda Elliff at lleliff@aol.com or Barb Boehm at boehmbarb@gmail.com

XX: Show Runs March 2 - 25, 2012

Opening Reception: Friday, March 2, 7-10 pm

XX celebrates 20 years of Del Ray Artisans being on The Avenue! The 20th Anniversary Committee invites member artists of all media to showcase your best past and present masterpieces with "no theme required". This show will be juried from outside our family of members. You may submit two pieces with an entry fee of \$20 per artist. Drop-off will be Sunday, Feb. 26 and Monday, Feb. 27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. If a piece is not accepted, you will be notified Tuesday, Feb. 28 and you may pick that piece up during gallery hours that Thursday or Friday before the reception. Show closing will be Sunday, March 25 and artwork pickup will be from 5:00 – 8:00 pm that day. — *Kurt Peterson*

Celebrating
20
Years

THANK YOU ... for Making the Holiday Market Another Success!

DRA's 2011 Holiday Market was great—what an unusually warm weekend for December! Thank you to all those who contributed, baked AND shopped at the Holiday Market. \$220 was raised to benefit Rebuilding Together Alexandria. A special thank you goes out to our Del Ray business friend: Del Ray Pizzeria (2218 Mount Vernon Avenue) for the YUMMY food prepared for us at Friday night's reception.



We had a great group of exhibitors this year (Jen Athanas, Kimberley Bush, Rita Cohen, Suzanne Dawkins, Carol Fogelson, Lesley Hall, Carol Freeman, Maria Illingworth, Genevieve Lynn, Betsy Mead, Patti North, Stacy Rausch, Tangela Roe, Ron Tickerhoff, Joyce Wagner, Tamara Wilkerson, Tracy Wilkerson, Shelly Witiak, Paula Wulff, and Sandra Zacharia), and some very dedicated helpers (Katherine Rand, Linda Goetz Mierke, Marie Lenker, Tessa Barsic, Dawn Wyse Hurto, John Wulff and George Vassallo) who really finished out their DRA volunteer hours with a bang! — *Tracy Wilkerson*

The Holiday Market gallery was overflowing with a variety of interesting, colorful hand-crafted gift ideas. Photo courtesy of Jen Athanas

Join DRA as an Artist or Supporter! **Renewal** **New Member**

Name _____

Title First M.I. Last

Additional Household Members _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Phone Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work (____) _____

E-mail Address(es) _____

Artist Media _____

Patron

- \$1,000 Platinum
 - \$500 Gold
 - \$250 Silver
- Patrons are considered Active Members and have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.*

Active Member

- \$75 Household
 - \$50 Individual
 - \$25 Senior (62 & over)
 - \$25 Student/Disabled
- Active Members enjoy privileges of exhibiting in shows and are expected to contribute at least 10 volunteer hours per year. This does not include volunteer commitments for exhibiting in shows.*

Friend

- \$35 Friend of DRA
- Friends may participate in workshops, classes, and programs as members. Friends do not have exhibition privileges. Volunteer hours are not expected.*

All membership levels receive DRA mailings.

DRA has gone green! Starting in January 2012, with this issue, monthly notice will be sent to all members via email when the newsletter has been published online. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available at the gallery.

I would like to make an additional donation to Del Ray Artisans in the amount of \$ _____.

I would like to make an additional donation to the DRA Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship for \$ _____.

I would like to make an additional donation to the DRA Art Camp for Youth for \$ _____.

Please indicate committees on which you will serve to meet your 10-hour per year volunteer commitment:

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| <input type="radio"/> Communications | <input type="radio"/> Newsletter | <input type="radio"/> Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Archives | <input type="radio"/> Outreach | <input type="radio"/> Anything DRA needs |
| <input type="radio"/> Fundraising | <input type="radio"/> Grants | <input type="radio"/> Publicity | <input type="radio"/> Volunteers | <input type="radio"/> Financial | <input type="radio"/> Other, special talents: |
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Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____

Checks payable to: Del Ray Artisans. Mail to: Del Ray Artisans, Membership, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, or join online: www.thedelrayartisans.org.



Del Ray Artisans' June 2012 Show
All DC Area Artists May Submit
All Media Creations Considered
 Curators: Betty Plummer (bplummer11@verizon.net) & Fareeha Khawaja (Fareeha11Khawaja@gmail.com)

Preview: June's Show for All Media, All DC-area Artists

Coming in June 2012, it's Del Ray Artisans' own "fringe festival." Go to the outer creative limits! Explore and create "edgy" images, photographs, 3D constructions, or sculpture inspired perhaps drawn from sports, clothes, music, art, performance, food, lifestyle, violent nature, animals, living spaces, dwelling places, steps and stairs, outside, inside, and so on. Let your wildest imagination do the leading!

Where are the "edges" in your life experiences that may inform your artwork? What kinds of edges draw you? How close do you dare get to a new artistic edge? How do you interpret "the edge"? Extend limits and break boundaries. Go even "beyond the fringe!" Explore peripheries of the unfamiliar. Venture to the verge of a new reality. Enjoy the views, celebrate the journey! What artistic adventures await you!

Try new media, genres, themes, subjects, or techniques. Take a risk with the Indiana Jones spirit! Curators: Fareeha Khawaja, Kathy O'Brien, and Betty Plummer (bplummer11@verizon.net, for questions).



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Gallery Hours:

Thursday: noon-6 pm
First Thursday: noon-9 pm (May-Sept.)
Friday: noon-9 pm
Saturday: 10 am-9 pm
Sunday: noon-6 pm

Submission Deadline: 10th of the month

Editor: newsletter@thedelrayartisans.org

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

2012 Calendar

January 2012

6 – 29 **SHOW Artist Warriors: Post Apocalyptic Adventure**
Zade Ramsey Gorden Frank
Drew Cariaso curators
zade.ramsey@gmail.com
atenart@cariaso.net
9 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
10 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
11 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
11 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses (clothed)
12 **WORKSHOP Haute Couture Then and Now, 7-8:30 pm**
18 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long pose
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
23 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
24 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
25 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses

February 2012

3 – 26 **SHOW Love, Politics, and Scrabble: The Games People Play** Barbara Boehm Linda Elliff curators
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6 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
8 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture
8 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
10 Art Games, 7:30-9:30 pm
14 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
14 Board Meeting, 7 pm
15 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long pose
17 Art Trading Card Swap, 7-9pm
19 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture (clothed)
22 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
25 Game Talks, 3-5 pm

March 2012

2 – Apr 1 **SHOW XX: DRA Anniversary Celebration**
Kurt Peterson curator
kfpeterson@gmail.com
5 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
7 Life Drawing, 11 am-1 pm, Gesture (clothed)
7 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
13 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
13 Board Meeting, 7 pm
14 Life Drawing, 6:30-9:30 pm, Long pose
18 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture
19 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
21 Life Drawing, 2-5 pm, Short/Long poses
27 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

April 2012

6 – 29 **SHOW Childhood Memories**
David Kosar Drew Cariaso curators
david.kosar@gmail.com
atenart@cariaso.net
9 Partners in Art, 2-4 pm
10 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm
10 Board Meeting, 7 pm
22 Life Drawing, 9:30-11:30 am, Gesture (clothed)
23 Partners in Art, 7-9 pm
24 Collage Cut Ups, 1-4 pm

Artwork Dropoffs, 6:30 - 8:30 pm:

Artist Warriors: Post Apocalyptic Adventure, Jan. 2 & 3
Games People Play, Jan. 29 & 30
XX, Feb. 26 & 27
Childhood Memories, April 1 & 2

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Many thanks to Royce Flowers for providing such spectacular arrangements for our opening receptions.

*A good painting to me has always been like a friend.
It keeps me company, comforts and inspires. — Hedy Lamarr*

